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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 through 49 (canceled).

50. (Previously presented) A miter saw having a moveable saw and a miter base, comprising:

a miter base having a front portion and a rear portion, the front portion generally opposing the rear portion;

a saw capable of attaining a plurality of bevel angles with respect to the miter base;

a bevel housing disposed generally between the saw and the miter base;

a lock handle pivotally mounted on the front portion of the miter base, the lock handle having a cam surface; and

a rotatable shaft coupled to the lock handle, the rotatable shaft being arranged to be movable towards the front portion of the miter base and towards the rear portion,

wherein movement of the lock handle results in the rotatable shaft being moved towards the front portion of the miter base so as to lock the bevel housing against the miter base to fix the saw in a particular bevel angle included in the plurality of bevel angles; and

a gear being contained within the bevel housing, the gear being connected to the rotatable shaft such that rotation of the gear results in rotation of the shaft.

Claims 51 through 55 (canceled).

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56. (Previously presented) The miter saw of Claim 50, further comprising a bushing mounted to the miter base adjacent the front portion, the bushing being arranged so as to retain the rotatable shaft while permitting rotation of the shaft.

57. (Previously presented) The miter saw of Claim 50, wherein the lock handle pivotally extends beyond the miter base when the bevel housing is not locked against the miter base.

58. (Previously presented) The miter saw of Claim 50, wherein the rotatable shaft is prevented from rotating when the bevel housing is locked against the miter base.